

## PARTNERSHIPS OF SOLICITORS.—APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

of so many files of legal exchanges, which were prized very much, and expresses the hope that her brethren of the legal press may as far as possible furnish her with duplicates of the papers destroyed. We most heartily sympathise with our cotemporary upon the losses sustained, and shall have great pleasure in replacing, so far as we can, the lost numbers of the *Canada Law Journal*.

No wonder that Chicago is rising from its ruins with a rapidity scarcely short of miraculous, when even the women there show an enterprise and business capacity that would put to shame those of the other sex in probably any other city in the universe.

Attorneys and solicitors have been accustomed, time out of mind, to form partnerships in business; and the advantages of the practice are manifold and obvious. The thing known as good-will—that is the connection with clients—the use of the name of a firm, with the prestige and influence attached to it, can best be preserved for the purposes of gift or sale by means of a partnership; for the sole possessor thereof may die, and leave only an imaginary succession behind him. So also combination of capital, the power of attracting capital enjoyed in a larger degree by a plurality of persons, the facility of carrying on a business without interruption from the periods of holiday and recreation, arising out of the mutual help of partners; all these considerations induce men to come together and act together as attorneys and solicitors. But on the other hand there are disadvantages incident to the practice which seem to us to be generally overlooked, or at least not sufficiently regarded. We allude specially to the risks attaching to the other partners from the fraud or negligence of a member of the firm. Recent cases have established in a very broad and sweeping manner the responsibility of partners in these matters. Last year we had a case of a well-known Birmingham attorney mulcted in thousands of pounds for the mere negligence of a partner acting in absolute disregard and defiance of the gentleman thus victimised. In 1868 we had the case of two gentlemen of note in the city compelled upon a bill in Chancery to make good more than £5,000 misappropriated by a partner. In a town in the North of England there are at this moment cases pending which involve a partner in a responsibility for many thousands of pounds, in which litigation is only avoided by the promptitude with which the solvent partner is redeeming the frauds of another member of the firm. In a case of *Young v. Long*, before Vice-Chancellor Malins, the defendant, a solicitor, was made liable for the sum of £2,723 misappropriated by a partner. Such cases, which we deeply regret to find, are not of unfrequent occurrence,

for they inflict irremediable loss and indeed ruin on innocent persons, and tend to dishonour the whole profession, form a terrible set-off to the advantages arising from solicitors acting together in firms, and at the least suggest the wisdom of exercising the greatest care and caution in the selection of partners, even if they do not prove that solicitors would do well to eschew partnerships altogether, and rely on their own industry and connection for success.—*Law Journal*.

It has been recently held in England that, on an appeal, evidence is not admissible in the Court of Bankruptcy which was not before the Court below, unless for special reasons the Court of Appeal should otherwise direct.—*Weekly Reporter*.

## APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.

THE HON. STEPHEN RICHARDS, to be Secretary and Registrar of the Province of Ontario, in the room and stead of the Hon. M. C. Cameron, resigned. (Gazetted 29th July, 1871.)

THE HON. MATTHEW CROOKS CAMERON, to be Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario, in the room and stead of the Hon. Stephen Richards, resigned. (Gazetted 29th July, 1871.)

## LAW REFORM COMMISSIONERS.

THE HON. ADAM WILSON, one of the Judges of H.M. Court of Queen's Bench for Ontario.

THE HON. JOHN WELLINGTON GWYNNE, one of the Judges of H.M. Court of Common Pleas for Ontario.

THE HON. SAMUEL HENRY STRONG, one of the Vice-Chancellors of the Court of Chancery for Ontario.

HIS HONOR JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, Judge of the County Court of the County of Simcoe, and

CHRISTOPHER SALMON PATTERSON, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-law, Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the present jurisdiction of the several Law and Equity Courts of Ontario, and upon the modes of procedure now adopted in each, and upon such other matters and things therewith connected as are in the commission more fully set forth:—under the name and title of "Law Reform Commissioners." (Gazetted Sept. 23, 1871.)

## COMMISSIONER IN EXTRADITION CASES.

FRANCOIS CARON, of the Town of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario, Esq., to be a Commissioner for the purposes contemplated in the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 31st Vic. Cap. 94. (Gazetted 7th October, 1871.)

## COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

RICHARD JOHN FITZGERALD, of Osgoode Hall, and of the Town of Picton, in the Province of Ontario, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Judge of the County Court of the County of Prince Edward, in the said Province, in the room and stead of David L. Fairfield, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 9th Sept., 1871.)

## STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE AND REGISTRAR.

DELEVAN D. VAN NORMAN of the Town of Simcoe, Esq., to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar for the Territorial District of Thunder Bay, having his office at Prince Arthur's Landing, in the said district. (Gazetted 3rd June, 1871.)

PATRICK McCURRY, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar for the District of Parry Sound, in the room and stead of Jesse Wright Rose, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 9th Sept. 1871.)

## POLICE MAGISTRATE.

RICHARD H. HOLLAND, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Police Magistrate and Registrar in and for the Town of Port Hope. (Gazetted 9th Sept. 1871.)

MAXWELL W. STRANGE, of the City of Kingston, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Police Magistrate in and for